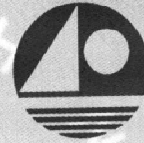




CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
Office of the City Manager



Letter to Commission No. 052-2004

To: Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

Date: March 2, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

Subject: **Parks & Recreation ...The Fun Never Ends**

**"Free Fundays"**, the successful Parks & Recreation program to introduce Miami Beach families to our premier facilities and programs returns the first Sunday in March to Flamingo Park Pool, March 7, 2004 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The program waives entrance fees for Miami Beach residents at a selected facility on the first Sunday of each month through June, 2004. The February Free Funday at the beautiful, new Scott Rakow Youth Center Ice Rink had an attendance of adults and children totaling 287.

The semi-annual **Sports Expo** program sign-up and celebration held Sunday, February 7, 2004 at Flamingo Park was our most successful ever. Between 750 and 1,000 parents and children attended the event which featured free refreshments, music, activities and performances by the Miami Beach Lightning cheerleading squads. Winter-spring program registration now totals more than 350 for basketball, baseball and soccer.

Two **Valentine's Day** dances drew 150 children and adults to the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Recreation Center. The Cupid's Ball held on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> was attended by 85 boys and girls in grades 4-6, all participants in our Playground and Scott Rakow Youth Center programs. The Valentine's Dance for the North Shore Margaret M. Swett Social Club drew 65 developmentally disabled adults on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The City's **Expressions Performing Arts Jr. & Sr. Dance Company** participated in the Miami Heat State Cheer and Dance Classic at the American Airlines Arena on Saturday, February 21, 2004, where over 25 dance teams competed. Our Sr. Dance Team came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and the Jr. Dance team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Congratulations to our teams.

Three **Miami Beach Basketball** teams won the Regional P.A.L. tournament played Saturday, February 21, 2004 at the Homestead P.A.L. The winning teams are the Boys 10 & under; Boys 12 & under, and the Girls 12 & under. Their victories against eight other local municipalities qualify the teams to participate in the PAL State Basketball Tournament to be held at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando on April 2 - 4, 2004. Please join us in wishing these young athletes **"Good Luck and Buena Suerte!"**

The City of Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department.

Where **"WOW!"** is our standard.

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c: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager  
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